

## **May/June 2009 KAB Council Report**

### **Current Topics and Projects:**

\*Downtown improvements continue. New benches for the downtown area should arrive this week. We are working to paint the planters.

\*The Keep Texas Beautiful conference was June 8 – 11 in Houston this year. I was elected to the board of Keep Texas Beautiful - one of two affiliate coordinator/director positions. These two positions are staggered two year terms. They represent those of us that work in the field getting our hands dirty and dealing with real life situations, not just being policy makers. This seat on the state board is an advantage for Angleton in several ways. Including: awareness of our City programs, knowledge of grants and other opportunities as they become available and influence in voting on issues that could improve our situation (For instance: Keeping population category competition reasonable. Cities with populations of 20,000 should not be competing against populations of 75,000. Generally larger municipalities have larger budgets and smaller affiliate programs simply cannot accomplish as much with its resources.)

\*Goals and objectives for next year include a special program in the schools to educate on, and promote, our blue bag recycling. We have tentative sponsorship agreements already to boost our own budget.

\*Thirty eight percent (38%) of last month's use of the Home Chemical Collection Site was by Angleton residents. We do a good job educating our community on availability of services. The disposal of hazardous waste from Angleton homes is part of a comprehensive solid waste plan that the City strives to provide for residents.

\*Our Litter Index is scheduled for July 8th. We need a driver for the Parks van from 5 to about 8 that evening. The Litter Index is an annual windshield survey of litter in our City. Participants evaluate and rank sections and subsections of town on amounts of litter present; noting any unusual conditions/code violations. This is required to maintain our national certification.

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